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## ROOSEVELT DEFEATED; WILL LEAD "PROGRESSIVE" PARTY

Theodore Roosevelt has been practically eliminated as candidate for president of the regular Republican convention and he has his plan arranged for the formation of a new "Progressive party" in the event that he is defeated, which now seems certain. That the credentials committee when it reports to the convention upon its reassembling this morning, will seat all the contested Taft delegates in the contested states is certain and, this will give Taft absolute control of the convention. Talk of a compromise candidate grew by leaps and bounds in Chicago yesterday and it is even stated that many of the Roosevelt managers have agreed to eliminate the Colonel if the Taft men would do likewise with the president and thus permit the conven-

tion to unite upon some other man. This plan has been put up to the Taft men and has, it is declared, not been flatly refused. In the event that this program shall be adopted, it is believed that Governor Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri, will get the nomination.

The convention held but a short session yesterday as it was found that the credentials committee could not report until very late, and the convention then took a recess until 11 o'clock today.

It is also stated that, in the event that Roosevelt bolts the convention, a very large number of the states now favorable to him will not follow his lead in this regard. There is a growing sentiment among the delegates that party really should be placed above obligation to any individual.

## MONTHLY REPORT OF SCHOOLS

THIRTY-ONE SCHOOLS OF COUNTY STANDARD FOR YEAR.

Roll of Honor List For Final Month Shows Many Schools Have Made Satisfactory Showing.

Report of the schools of Polk county for the school month ending June 15, 1912:

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time—25.

Number of pupils remaining at time of last report—1462.

Number of pupils registered new during month—0.

Number of pupils registered secondary—2.

Number of pupils readmitted—67.

Total number of pupils registered during month—1532.

Number of pupils dropped during month—105.

Number of pupils remaining at time of this report—1427.

Number of days taught during month—9.

Whole number of days attendance—16944.5.

Whole number of days absence—82.5.

Whole number times late—144.

Number of pupils neither absent or late.

or late—952.

Average number of pupils belonging—1974.

Average daily attendance—1884.

Per cent of attendance—96.

Number of visits by parents—69.

Number of visits by members of school boards—14.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for not having made any tardies during the month: Lewisville, Salt Creek, Orchard, Cochran, Oak Point, Harmony, Enterprise, Suver, Sunny Slope, Falls City, Black Rock, Pioneer, Oakhurst (100).

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The following schools have become standard schools for the year: Spring Valley, North Dallas, Buena Vista, Lincoln, Oakhurst, Orchard, Ward, West Salem, Oak Point, Misthote, Liberty, Mountain View, Guthrie, Lewisville, Perrydale, Bethel, Brush College, Hopville, Airle, Fir Grove, Red Prairie, Dallas Public School, Independence Public School, Fair View, Ballston, Antioch, Independence High School, Dallas High School, Falls City, Monmouth Public School, Monmouth High School, H. C. Seymour, School Superintendent Polk County, Oregon.

## OIL DRILL THUDS ON ROCK

HARD STRATA AT WHITEAKER WELL PROVES SLOW DRILLING.

Six inches is sum total of one day's work; oil indications abundant; McBee drillers work steadily.

Out at the Whiteaker oil well prospect on an oak-clad hillside, southeast of Dallas, 3500 pounds of steel and iron is being alternately raised and dropped upon a solid rock strata about 1200 feet below the surface. The drill has been crashing regularly and incessantly on this rock for several days, but very slow headway is being made. Experienced drillers declare that the rock is the hardest they have ever encountered. Wednesday only about six inches was the result of the day's drilling, but steadily the work goes on, and it is only a question of time before the barrier shall be penetrated and much is expected when this rocky gateway to the wealth below shall reveal its secret.

It is said that the gas showing is not so strong as a few days ago, but oil indications grow more encouraging as the rock is penetrated, which indicates that, hard as it is, it is of porous substance and is filled with oil. When the drill is removed a constant rumbling can be heard from the depths, and sensational developments would not be surprising at any time, declare those in charge of the operations.

No unusual developments have been noted at the McBee prospect, southwest of the city. Drilling is still going on and the bit is now down something like 1400 feet, it is said. Gas is showing in considerable quantities and while there has been no pronounced oil indications, the successive strata through which the drill has passed has been such as to greatly encourage the promoters.

Thus the prospecting goes on at each of the wells with the utmost confidence in evidence among the promoters. People in the city are interested, too, and the daily questions heard on all sides is, "What is doing at the oil wells?"

**Inspects Properties.**  
E. L. Callahan, of Chicago, manager of the new business department of the H. M. Byllesby company, the holding corporation for the Oregon Power company, was in the city the first of the week on a tour of the company's properties in Oregon.

**Serving Civil Papers.**  
Sheriff J. M. Grant was in the Grande Ronde country on Wednesday serving legal papers in several civil actions in circuit court matters.

E. V. D. Paul, of La Sal ranch, was in the city on a business visit Thursday.

## Wants to Head New Party



by American Press Association.

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT

For two terms President of the United States by the grace of the National Republican electorate, he now proposes to run for a third term as the head of a party of his own manufacture.

## MARTIAL BOND IS SPECIAL TRAIN IS SEVERED PLANNED

FLOYD BOUGHTON GETS DECREE FROM JUDGE GALLOWAY.

Case Heard March 3, Decision Comes Wednesday; Other Actions Settled by Court in Department No. 2.

After having had the case under advisement for some time, Judge Galloway, in Department No. 2, of the Polk County Circuit court on Tuesday granted a divorce to G. Floyd Boughton from Nellie Boughton, and rendered a decree in which plaintiff was directed to pay the costs and disbursements of suit. C. W. McArthur appeared for the plaintiff and Lot D. Brown for the defendant. The case was tried and argued on March 2.

Action in other cases was taken as follows:

Harry E. Finch vs. Clara Kauffman, foreclosure of lien; judgment for plaintiff other than costs and attorneys fees, each party to pay their own costs. L. D. Brown for plaintiff; Oscar Hayter for defendant.

S. A. Riggs vs. A. M. Holmes et al., foreclosure; decree of foreclosure granted as per stipulation on file. R. L. Conner for plaintiff; Frank Holmes for defendant.

D. S. Bentley et al. vs. A. O. Sarff et al., action to cancel contract; defendant overruled, defendant given 20 days in which to file answer.

**New Cases Filed.**  
New cases have been filed in department No. 2, as follows:  
O. E. Leeman vs. Geo. Gibson, registration of title; Simpson & Lewis for plaintiff.

J. L. Hanna et al. vs. Theo O. Clodfelter, action to quiet title; B. F. Swope for plaintiff.

DALLAS BOOSTERS WOULD MAKE TRIP TO ALBANY FOURTH.

Employment of Band Depends Upon Success of Movement; Fare for Round Trip Will Not Exceed \$1.40.

If it shall be found possible to arouse sufficient interest in the forthcoming celebration at Albany on July 4, to sell 125 round-trip railroad tickets from Dallas, which shall warrant the guarantee for a special train, the Dallas band will be engaged to furnish a portion of the music at the celebration at Albany. Without a special train, which would leave Dallas in the morning and return some time during the following night, the local band will not get the job on account of the great expense, as the band would otherwise have to lose three days.

Tickets for the round trip will be sold for \$1.40 in the event that 125 buy tickets. Of the 125, the band agrees to take 25 tickets, thus leaving 99 tickets to be sold to local people. A committee from the band is today interviewing the business men and others in an effort to find out how many will go. The railroad company demands a guarantee of \$175 for the special train, and this amount must be posted by some one before the train is ordered. Pledges are thus asked for in order that arrangements may be made. It is necessary that the matter be settled soon, as there is great demand for rolling stock on July 4, and the company must know far enough in advance in order to be certain to have the necessary equipment on hand to handle the crowd.

W. J. Jefferson, of Gervais, transacted business in this city Thursday.

## "COOPER HOLLOW" ROAD MAY BE SOON BUILT

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS INFORMED THAT COUNTY COURT ALREADY HAS MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

## ROAD VIEWERS APPOINTED

Road Committee Will Look After It; New Road Signs Being Placed; Want More Favorable Railroad Schedule; Saturday Sports Program Proposed.

Prospects for a new road from Dallas to "Cooper Hollow" are encouraging, according to a report made to the Commercial club at its regular meeting Wednesday night, by Chairman W. V. Fuller, of the committee on roads and highways. The necessity for the road was suggested at a previous meeting of the club and the matter was referred to the roads committee. Mr. Fuller reported that he had interviewed the county court regarding the matter, and had been informed that viewers had been appointed by the court and that their report would be considered at the next regular meeting in July. People living in the "Cooper Hollow" neighborhood must now travel over some steep hills to reach this city but, with the new road completed, they could eliminate the difficult portion of the route and reach Dallas by a comparatively easy way.

Mr. Fuller stated that several of the road signs showing the way to Dallas had been placed in position, but that there were several more to put up. He said that three of the signs, which it was planned to place at important cross-roads in the county, were more elaborate and were about three feet square. On them would be painted a background showing an orchard tract and over this would be the lettering directing the traveler Dallasward.

## Better Time Wanted.

Dr. B. H. McCallon called attention to the need of better train arrangements on the railroads in order that people from Airle vicinity might reach this city as easily and as quickly as they now travel to points outside the county. He cited the instance of conveying a resident of Airle to a Salem hospital rather than to Dallas, for the reason, as he had been informed, that much better time could be made to that city. He urged upon the club the advisability of securing a schedule, if possible, which would not discriminate against Dallas. The matter was referred to the committee on railroads.

## For a Sport Program.

Announcement was made that the Dallas lodge of Artisans had expressed their desire to turn over to the Commercial club the funds in its possession collected for a program of sports, which were to have been held at the time of their annual picnic here on June 1, and which failed to materialize, the idea being to have the club pull off a series of races and other sports in this city on some Saturday afternoon or night. The matter was referred to the amusement committee.

## Minor Matters.

The committee on publicity and promotion reported that it had made arrangements to send the local newspapers to legitimate inquirers regarding Polk county conditions, land values, etc. Secretary Toose said that he received many letters from Eastern parties asking about Dallas and Polk county and, where it was believed that the parties really might

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## Band Concert Program, Saturday, June 22, 7:30 p. m.

Two-step, "On Wisconsin".....Purdy  
March, "Easy Street".....Seitz  
"A Day in the Cottonfield" (by request).....Smith & Zabelle  
Polka, "The Twittering Birds".....Moran  
Two-step, "The Chancellor" Lawrence  
"Joy to the World" (by request)  
.....Barnhouse  
Two-step, "Dark Town Jubilee"  
.....Gears

## WOULD BUILD NEW LIBRARY ON NEW SITE

OBJECTION IS MADE REGARDING LOCATION OF CARNEGIE BUILDING ON CITY HALL SITE, AS PROPOSED.

## TOO CLOSE TO RAILROAD

Proximity of Tracks and Switches Objected To; Need of Larger Tract Is Urged; Want Corner at Mill and Jefferson Streets; Finances Bother in New Selection.

Believing that the site selected for the proposed Carnegie library building, at the corner of Court and Church streets is not suitable for such purposes, both on account of the proximity of the railroad and the switch tracks, and the limited space available, a movement has been started among a number of enterprising Dallas citizens to find a location for the building elsewhere.

In selecting the site above mentioned, the city council merely did the best possible. Some of the members themselves were not in favor of locating the library there, but, owing to the condition of the city treasury, they did not feel that Dallas could afford to go to additional expense at this time for the purchase of a site, so the matter was decided, and it was planned to locate the library on city property.

## Would Hold Location

Among those who oppose the site at the city hall corner are some who believe that the city should hold the property for city purposes exclusively. They say that that corner is the ideal location for the city hall, and that, in the future, when the city outgrows its present city hall building, it will be necessary to build a more commodious structure and, if the library shall be located on the corner it will be impossible to do so, and a new site will have to be purchased. They believe that the corner is too valuable for the purposes intended, and that some arrangements should be made to locate the proposed library building elsewhere.

## Sites Are Numerous

There are plenty of available sites for the proposed building. It is said, but the one which finds most favor is at the corner of Jefferson and Mill streets, facing the court house plaza, and now occupied by the greenhouses of the Central Willamette Valley Floral company. It is urged that a library building should have tasteful surroundings. That it should be located on a tract of ground of sufficient size to permit of lawns and flower beds. It would be impossible to have either of these at the proposed site at the city hall corner.

Aside from permitting the beautifying of the grounds, the proposed location at the corner of Jefferson and Mill streets, it is urged, would be prominent, and yet in harmony with the surroundings. It would be much preferable to locating a \$10,000 building in a more obscure position, where

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## DALLAS COMPANY WILL BUILD LUMBER MILL

Garner Lumber Company Buys 160 Acres of Benton County Timber at Summit.

With a capital stock of \$6000 the Garner Lumber company has been organized in Dallas, composed of A. S. Garner, Miles Davis and F. H. Ward, for the building of a sawmill in Benton county, work upon which has already begun. The mill will be located at Summit, on the Corvallis & Eastern railway, where the company has recently purchased 160 acres of fir timber of exceptional excellence, it is declared.

The machinery used in the mill will be taken from the Ward mill, which has been in operation for several years at Oak Dale, in this county.